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Honorable Gerald D. Kleczka  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Kleczka:

Your letter to Chairman Sikes concerning reallocation of microwave frequencies has been referred to me for reply. Your constituent, Philip Arreola, Chief of Police of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, expressed concern to you regarding proposals to reallocate frequencies at 2 GHz that potentially might impact the public safety services currently using those frequencies.

On January 16, 1992, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in ET Docket No. 92-9 that proposes allocating 220 MHz of 2 GHz spectrum for use by providers of emerging technologies. With regard to the public safety agencies currently using portions of this spectrum, the Commission proposed to permit state and local government licensees, including public safety agencies, to continue indefinitely their current operations on a primary basis. Expansion and new microwave systems would be permitted only on a secondary basis in this band. Expansion and new systems on a primary basis would be permitted at higher frequencies. In conjunction with the Notice, the Commission will release a staff study of existing use of this microwave spectrum and identify other suitable frequencies available for this purpose. To further facilitate accommodation of the competing demands for this spectrum, the Commission also proposed to permit negotiation of financial arrangements between existing licensees and parties proposing new services that would facilitate access to this spectrum for services employing emerging technologies.

These provisions are intended to prevent disruption to the public safety and other state and local governmental communications, yet still provide the spectrum needed by U.S. companies to develop new and innovative telecommunications products and services and bolster U.S. competitiveness in world telecommunications markets. An example of one such new proposed service is the personal communications service (PCS), which the Commission is addressing concurrently in GEN Docket No. 90-314.

The need of the public safety community for reliable communication is of importance to the Commission, and is being taken carefully into consideration. Your constituent's concerns will be taken into account before a final determination is made, and for that purpose, I am making his letter part of the record in the two dockets discussed above, ET Docket No. 92-9 and GEN Docket No. 90-314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas P. Stanley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Thomas P. Stanley  
Chief Engineer

GERALD D. KLECZKA  
4TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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January 6, 1992

Mr. Philip Arreola  
Chief of Police  
749 W. State Street  
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Mr. Arreola:

Thank you for sharing with me your continuing concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) feasibility study on providing spectrum in the 1700-2300 megahertz (MHz) band to Personal Communication Networks (PCN).

This band is crucial to the many police departments, such as that of the City of Milwaukee, which depend upon it for emergency and routine transmissions. Fears that public safety may be impaired by reallocating some of the spectrum in this band to emerging technologies are reasonable.

Wireless telephones, and other new technologies, should be accommodated--but not at the expense of public safety. For this reason, I have brought your letter to the attention of FCC Chairman Alfred C. Sikes.

Knowing of your concerns over this matter, I will continue monitoring developments with the FCC feasibility study with the needs of the City of Milwaukee Department of Police in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry", written over the printed name and title.

GERALD D. KLECZKA  
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Sikes:

I am writing to you again concerning the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed creation of a spectrum reserve for emerging technologies to encompass the 1700 MHz-2300 MHz band. Enclosed is my earlier correspondence on this issue.

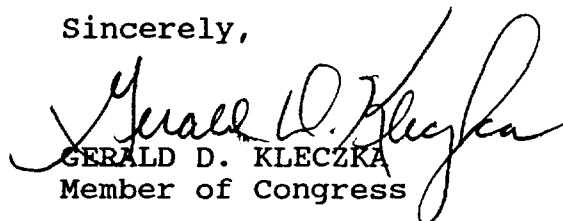
As you know, the spectrum band in question is used by local and state police and fire departments, as well as utilities and government agencies--all which provide vital public services.

The City of Milwaukee Department of Police has twice expressed concern to me over the potential loss of spectrum to new technologies, such as Personal Communication Networks (PCN). Fears the public may in any possible way be served less effectively by spectrum changes are certainly not unreasonable, and should be addressed in rulemaking on spectrum reallocation.

During your deliberations on this issue, I hope you will make every reasonable attempt to preserve the spectrum needed by public safety authorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
GERALD D. KLECZKA  
Member of Congress

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